

BIG BAD CORN

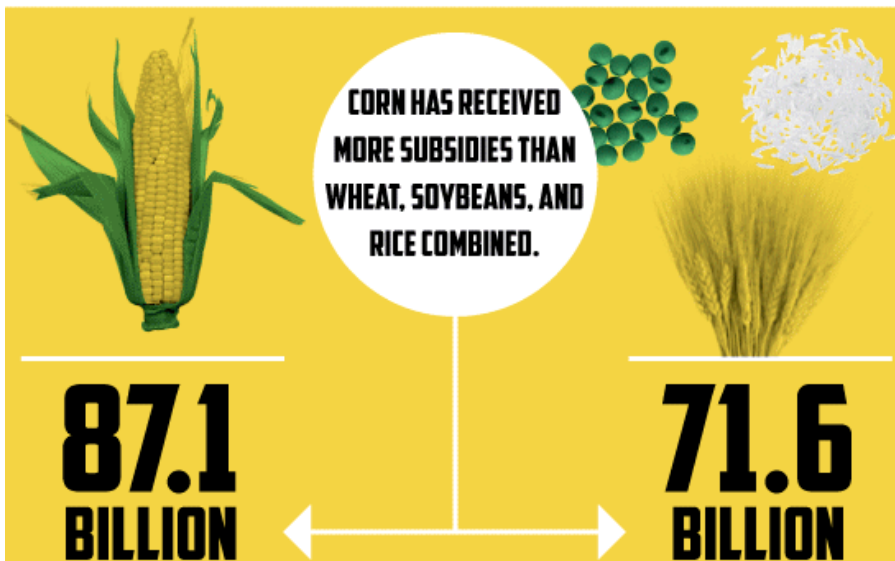
IN 1979 THE U.S. GOVERNMENT BEGAN TO
SUBSIDIZE CORN IN SEARCH OF ALTERNATIVE FUELS.



SUBSIDIZING CORN HAS HAD SOME UNEXPECTED RESULTS

10 **TODAY:** **30**
BILLION **THE U.S. GOVERNMENT** **BILLION**
SPENDS BETWEEN
EACH YEAR
TO SUBSIDIZE FARMERS

SINCE 1995:



IN
2005



CONGRESS REQUIRED THAT ETHANOL BE
ADDED TO YOUR GAS TANK

AND U.S. CORN PRICES HAVE TRIPLED.

NOW

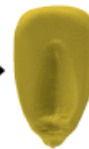
**CORN IS FOUND
IN 3 OUT OF 4
SUPERMARKET PRODUCTS**



A TYPICAL CHICKEN
NUGGET HAS ABOUT



30 OF THEM COME FROM CORN.



SINCE THE INTRODUCTION OF HIGH FRUCTOSE CORN SYRUP
OBESITY RATES HAVE TRIPLED.

AVG. AMERICAN HFCS CONSUMPTION
PER YEAR

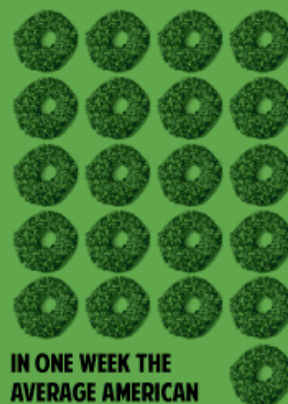


1970

15.9 LBS

2012

42 LBS



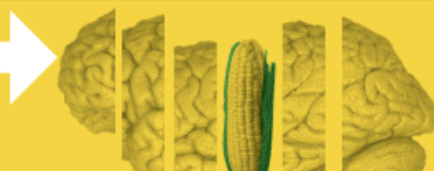
IN ONE WEEK THE
AVERAGE AMERICAN
WILL CONSUME
12.6 OZ OF HFCS
EQUIVALENT TO:

21
DONUTS

A LONG TERM DIET HIGH IN HFCS:

ALTERS YOUR BRAINS ABILITY
TO LEARN AND REMEMBER
INFORMATION

AND CAUSES:



ABNORMAL INCREASE IN BODY FAT,
ESPECIALLY IN THE STOMACH AREA.



DESPITE THIS

SODA
COMPANIES
CONTINUE USING
HFCS
BECAUSE

IT'S **20%** CHEAPER THAN SUGAR.

SINCE 1970:

DIABETES INCIDENTS HAVE INCREASED

SEVENFOLD.



**CORN ISN'T
JUST BAD FOR THE BODY**

**ETHANOL FROM CORN RESULTS
IN NEARLY TWICE THE
GREENHOUSE GAS
EMISSIONS**



**AS THE GASOLINE
IT WAS MEANT TO
REPLACE.**



**CORN ETHANOL
CONSUMES
6 TIMES MORE
ENERGY
THAN IT
PRODUCES**

1.5

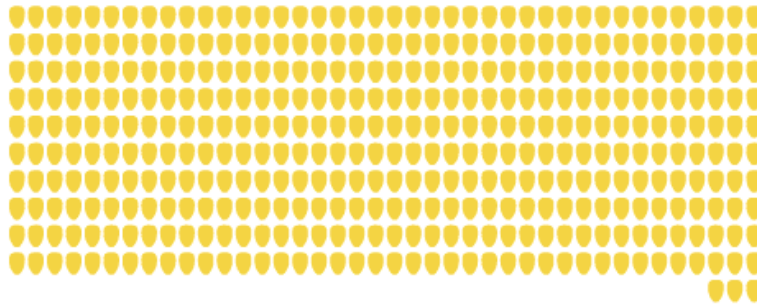


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THE US WILL MAKE ETHANOL OUT OF ENOUGH CORN TO FEED:

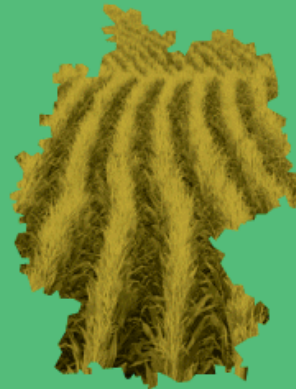


412 MILLION PEOPLE FOR A YEAR.

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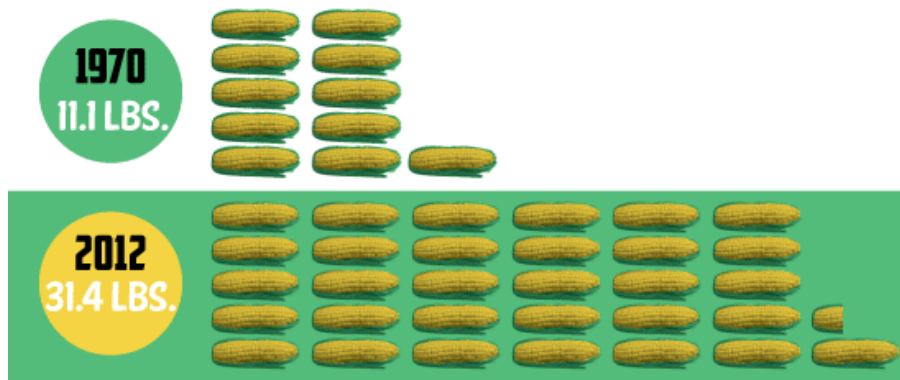
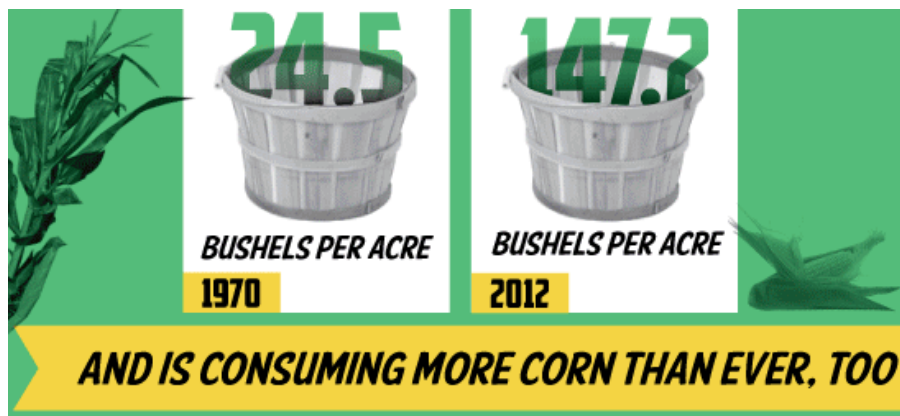
DESPITE THE FACT THAT CORN MAKES US FAT, DUMB, AND IS INEFFICIENT AS FUEL...

THE U.S. CONTINUES TO PRODUCE 42% OF THE WORLD'S CORN...



THE U.S. CORN CROP ACREAGE COULD COVER ALL OF GERMANY

THE UNITED STATES IS MAKING MORE CORN THAN EVER.



= 1LB. OF CORN

AVG. AMERICAN CORN CONSUMPTION PER YEAR
(EXCLUDING CORN SYRUP)

**POLITICIANS SAY CITIZENS CONSUME TOO MUCH SUGAR
AND USE TOO MUCH ENERGY. THEY ALSO PROVIDE
SUBSIDIES FOR PRODUCING HIGH FRUCTOSE CORN SYRUP
AND INEFFICIENT FUEL.**

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